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Purchase of stores from foreign countries.

* 339 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any communication from the Centre that this Government should not enter into contracts with the agents of India for the supply of stores from the United Kingdom but that they should purchase only through the Director-General of the India Stores Department in London?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" With a view to encourage the Indian industry, the Government of India have issued instructions to all State Governments to utilise the agency of the Directorate-General of Supplies and Disposals, New Delhi, to the fullest extent possible in the matter of obtaining stores from all countries abroad."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" மத்திய சர்க்கார் மூலமாக வெளி நாடுகளிலிருந்து பொருள்களை வாங்குவதில் சில ஊழல்கள் இருக்கின்றன, என்பதைப் பார்க்கிறோம். **Fertilizers scandal** போன்ற பல ஊழல்கள் வெளியாகி இருக்கின்றன. அப்படி இருக்கும்போது ராஜ்யத்திற்கு இருக்கக்கூடிய கொஞ்ச நஞ்ச அதிகாரத்தையும் என் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு கொடுக்கவேண்டும் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no question of handing over of what we have got to the Central Government. We have to look into the question from the point of view of what is in the best interests of the country as a whole. The Director-General of Supplies has got information with regard to the various industries located in the country and he will be able to tell us whether a particular commodity is indigenously manufactured and is available in this country or whether we have to obtain that commodity from abroad. That is the reason why we always indent through the Director-General of Supplies and Disposals."

Inundation of lands in Tedamuthukulam from excess discharge from the Karalayakulam tank.

* 340 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the ayacutdars of Tedamuthukulam in Mangadu vattam of Alangudi taluk, Pudukkottai division, Tiruchirappalli district, complained to the Government and to the district officials of heavy inundation of their lands from excess discharge from the foreshore of Karalayakulam tank in Kothamangalam–Koramangalam area of Pattukkottai taluk in Tanjore district;

(*b*) whether the Food Production officials of Tanjore district promised the ryots of Tedamuthukulam to take immediate preventive steps against such inundation from the Karalayakulam tank in Tanjore;

(*c*) what the promised preventive steps were; and

(*d*) the steps taken by the Food Production officials of Tanjore district to implement their promise?

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No such complaint was received by the Government. A petition from Sri M. V. Vidangam Malavarar, a ryot of Mangadu village in Alangudi taluk in Tiruchirappalli district, was received by the Collector of Tiruchirappalli.

" (*b*) The hon. Member presumably refers to the suggestions made by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Pattukottai, to the ryots of both the villages at the time of his joint inspection of the site with the Assistant Engineer (Food Production), Pattukottai, for the formation of a ' protective ' bund on the foreshore of the Karlayakulam tank to effectively prevent water getting into the ayacut of Thedamuthukulam tank in Tiruchirappalli district. This suggestion was agreed to by the ryots and reduced to a statement before the Revenue Divisional Officer. They, however, requested that the work might be executed at Government cost. The Assistant Engineer (Food Production) promised to look into this aspect and take further action.

" (*c*) The preventive step suggested was the formation of a ' protective ' bund on the foreshore border of Karlayakulam tank (which is also the border of Pattukottai taluk) to a length of about 2,500 feet to prevent submersion of foreshore lands.

" (*d*) The above proposal was examined by the Executive Engineer and considered not feasible on the grounds that the formation of such a ' protective ' bund might intercept the supply to the Karlayakulam tank from its catchment and that there is also the danger of the foreshore ryots making cuts in the foreshore bund when the tank is full, thereby depleting it."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Has not much damage been done last year? In view of possible further damage this year, will the Government give immediate priority and quick attention to this matter? " 11-30 a.m.

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There is nothing that could be done there. It is known they are affected by the other tank. So what the Department says is that whenever they suffer, Government should give remissions."

Opening of a Sub-Registrar's office at Sendurai, Tiruchirappalli district.

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri K. R. Viswanathan is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the official proceedings."